(VI) गृह मंत्रालय ने उग्रवाद विरोधी अभियानों में पुलिस कार्मिकों के प्रशिक्षण की भी व्यवस्था की है, और

(VII) संबंधित राज्यों में प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में आसूचना तंत्र को सुदृढ़ करना।

राज्य सरकारों से कार्य-योजना क्रियान्वित करने का अनुरोध किया गया है। राज्यों द्वारा की गयी कार्रवाई की समय-समय पर समीक्षा की जाती है।

Arms and Ammunitions for ULFA

769. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ULFA extremists have set up camps in Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places from where the ULFA is procuring arms and the agencies funding them;

(d) whether ULFA already has many camps in Bhutan and Bangladesh and, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken up the issue with these countries and, if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a), (b) and (d) Reports indicate that there are camps in Myanmar, Bhutan and Bangladesh which are being used by ULFA for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes.

(c) Reports indicate that ULFA procures arms from some South East Asian countries. ULFA obtains funds through extortion and abduction in Assam.

(e) The matter has been taken up with these countries and they have assured that they will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Special Features of Next Census

770. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps initiated for conducting the next census of India in the year 2001;

(b) the special features of the head count operation;

(c) the extent to which the latest available techniques in information technology will be utilised; and

(d) the time frame fixed for releasing the basic data of different types?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Preparatory steps have been initiated for the conduct of the next census of 2001. All the jurisdictional changes which have taken place in the boundaries of various administrative units since the 1991 Census are being collected so as to update the frame for the census. A Data Users' Conference was held on 24-25 April, 1998 to elicit the views and suggestions of the different data users like central and state governments, scholars and academics, pupulation institutions, universities etc.

(b) to (d) No decisions have been taken.

Corruption Cases against Ministers

771. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons against whom corruption charges are either pending in courts or under investigation of violation of FERA, have been working as Ministers in the present Government; and

(b) if so, the names of such Ministers alongwith the details of charges pending against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Criminal Charges against Ministers

772. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from a Member of Parliament containing criminal charges against a number of Central Ministers and if so, what are the details of cases pending against each;

(b) whether any verification has been made to ascertain the authenticity of those charges and if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against each of such Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) A communication has been received from a Member of Parliament regarding certain allegations against a Union Minister which is in the process of being examined.

Encroachments in Government Colonies

773. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the area-wise unauthorised encroachments detected in Government colonies under the jurisdiction of Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-West District). New Delhi;

(b) what action has so far been taken by police authorities to romove these encroachments as on 31.5.98;

(c) whether it is a fact that instead of initiating action to remove the encroachments the encroachers are making expansions of their encroachments;

(d) if so, the detailed reasons for the inability of police authorities in the removal of encroachments; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to remove these encroachments and by when these are likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Invoking of Article 356

774. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's attention has been drawn to the statement being made by some of his colleagues in the Cabinet on various occasions on invoking Article 356 against State Governments in their respective States; and

(b) if so, what is Government's accepted policy in regard to the invoking of Article 356?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Constitution of India clearly mentions the situation in which article 356 can be invoked. The said article can be invoked if the President, on receipt of a report from the Governor of a State or otherwise, is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Government is against any misuse of the said article.

Multipurpose Identity Cards

775. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce multipurpose identity cards to every citizen in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal is to issue multipurpose National Identity Cards to all citizens of 14 years and above. The persons below 14 years are to be compulsorily registered under Registration of Births & Deaths Act, 1969 and the names of such persons are proposed to be included in father's/mother's cards. Separate coloured cards are proposed to be issued to non-citizens. The multipurpose National Identity Cards are proposed to be used for the purpose of issuing passports, driving licences, ration cards, health care, admission in educational institutions, employment in public/private sectors, life and general insurance as also for maintenance of land records and urban property holdings etc.

Recommendations of Dharam Vira National Police Commission

776. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Government for speedy implementation of 20-years old Dharam Vira National Police Commission recommendations; and